

[Hicks, Jennie Blake]

Mrs. Jennie B. Hicks, whose husband, Allen Wright Hicks, died on December 9th last, passed away at her home in Water street, at about 12:30 o'clock Friday morning, after an illness of over a week with blood poisoning. Since her husband's death four months ago, Mrs. Hicks was left very much alone and had recently leased the lower floor of her residence in Water street and occupied the second floor rooms.

Mrs. Hicks had been in fairly good health and about two weeks before her death she went to Cortland to stay with a friend who was ill, for a few days. Soon after her return, blood poisoning developed in her hand in some manner she could not account for. The only injury she was aware of, came from a little bruise she received on an oven door. On Wednesday, April 3d, Dr. Gardner was called and on Friday Miss Mary Bowker, a graduate nurse of the Cortland hospital, came to take charge of the case. Medical skill and careful nursing were without avail however, and the poison advanced until after being unconscious for more than 48 hours, she passed quietly away, shortly after midnight of Thursday, aged 57 years and eleven months.

Jennie Blake Hicks was born in Jefferson county and her early life was passed in Watertown with her parents. She was married to Allen W. Hicks of that city in 1877 and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks made their home there until coming to Homer in 1904, where her husband engaged in the blacksmithing business. Mrs. Hicks was an estimable woman and made many friends here who regret sincerely her untimely death. She leaves no children of her own but had one step-daughter, Miss Carrie Hicks, of Brooklyn, who with her two sisters, Mrs. William Ream of Buffalo, and Mrs. P. S. Wilcox of Rochester, and one brother, James Blake, of Watertown, came here a few days before her death and were with her to the end. The funeral was held from the home Sunday at 3 p. m., Rev. T. [Thomas] J. Farmer, pastor of the Universalist church of Cortland, officiating. The remains were taken to Watertown Monday to be laid to rest by the side of her husband.

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